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DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

OECD PARIS FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF 27

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1. WE SAW STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY THIS MORNING AND CONVEYED TO HIM SUBSTANCE PARA 4 REF A, STRESSING OUR REGRET FOR THE NEED TO CHANGE US POSITION REGARDING THE CONFERENCE SITE. VESELKSY REPLIED THAT OBVIOUSLY CHANCELLOR KREISKY WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS. HOWEVER, VESELSKY SAID, AUSTRIAN POSITION FROM OUTSET HAD BEEN THAT VIENNA WAS AVAILABLE ONLY IF A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN SUPPORT OF HOLDING THE MEETING HERE. HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT TOO UPSET THAT CONSENSUS FOR VIENNA HAD NOT DEVELOPED AND THAT MAIN AUSTRIAN INTEREST WAS THAT CONFERENCE SUCCEED NO MATTER WHERE IT WAS HELD.

2. VESELSKY THEN INFORMED CHANCELLOR KREISKY BY TELEPHONE OF THE TURN OF EVENTS AND IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO US CHANCELLOR'S REACTION, WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS: AUSTRIA WELCOMES PARIS AS THE SITE AND WITHDRAWS ITS OFFER OF VIENNA FOR THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE AUSTRIA'S PRIMARY INTEREST IS THAT CONFERENCE SECCEED.

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3. VESELSKY THEN CONTINUED THAT FOREGOING REACTION IN NO WAY CHANGED GOA'S STRONG DESIRE TO HAVE SEAT AT CONFERENCE OF 27. HE FELT THAT IN ADDITION TO MEETING CRITERIA (SEE PARA 4 REF B), QUESTION OF "FACE-SAVING" WAS NOW SIGNIFICANT FACTOR SINCE GOA HAD GONE SO FAR DOWN THE ROAD IN OFFERING VIENNA FOR CONFERENCE AND THAT THIS WAS OF COURSE KNOWN TO IEA AND OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES. AFTER ALL, NEUTRAL

AUSTRIA HAD TAKEN A NOT TOO EASY STEP IN JOINING THE IEA AND HE WAS CONCERNED THAT AUSTRIA PRES, PUBLIC AND EVENTUALLY THE PARLIAMENT (WHICH HAS YET TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AUSTRIAN MEMBERSHIP IN IEA) WOULD REACT NEGATIVELY IF AUSTRIA DID NOT PLAY A ROLE IN DIALOGUE.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN NO OFFICIAL GOA STATEMENTS OR COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT AND VESELSKY ASSURED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NONE. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND, BUT WE MUST EXPECT THAT PUBLIC WILL BECOME AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMENTS OR LEAKS ELSEWHERE. IN ANY CASE, I FEEL THAT SINCE USG RAISED GOA'S EXPECTATIONS ON THEIR BID FOR VIENNA, WASHINGTON SUPPORT TO AUSTRIAN CANDIDACY FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE MERITS PARTICULAR ATTENTION. END COMMENT. BUCHANAN

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